

Quote

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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Gov THOS E DEWEY, of N Y, urging alliance of Pacific nations to balance Atlantic Pact defense in Europe: "We will never survive if we are successfully defended on one side and naked on the other... The U S cannot fly on 1 wing." 1-Q

MOHAMMED MOSSADEGH, Premier of Iran: "Nationalization of oil is Iran's version of the Boston tea party." 2-Q

Unidentified army officer: "Fantastic weapons have been mentioned at the beginning of every war. But, remember, each war has been won primarily with the weapons the armies started out with." 3-Q

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "(Communist Russia's) society is a jungle thru which the naked power of gov't prowls like beasts of prey." 4-Q

Unidentified burglar, explaining motives: "You know, in this country taxes are so high that we have to do this to get the money to pay them." 5-Q

WM BOYLE, chmn, Democratic Nat'l Comm, accused of using political ties to swing an RFC loan: "I've always striven to conduct myself as my mother would want me to." 6-Q

Lt Gen ALBERT C WEDEMAYER, author of Wedemeyer report on Korea and China and former 6th Army comdr: "We might have a very fine fire dep't, but if we dissipate it in putting out a lot of brush fires, when the big conflagration comes we'll be unable to cope adequately with it." 7-Q

PAUL VAN ZEELAND, pres, N Atlantic Council: "We feel the critical moment approaching at which the scales of fate will turn irrevocably towards peace or war." 8-Q

CODY FOWLER, pres, American Bar Ass'n: "We must untiringly guard against the natural tendency toward expansion of governmental power. History fairly shouts that gov't never retreats from authority once attained." 9-Q

Izgreva, leading newspaper of Bulgaria: "The teachers of America are under orders to teach the children that brutality is natural." 10-Q

HERBERT HOOVER, former pres: "No public man can be a little crooked. There is no such thing as a no-man's-land between honesty and dishonesty." 11-Q

Dr A LAWRENCE ABEL, British Medical Ass'n official: "The politicians guaranteed to provide anything and everything for anybody and everybody. They promised the earth and cannot deliver it." 12-Q

Marshal TITO, Premier of Yugoslavia: "Woe to those rulers and to that country where criticism is not tolerated... It is necessary because we are not men with superhuman minds who can do everything without making mistakes." 13-Q

Sen LESTER C HUNT, of Wyo, discouraging the idea of putting Congress on TV: "I'm afraid we'd soon have a considerable turnover in the Senate." 14-Q

V-pres ALBEN W BARKLEY: "There is an inseparable link between religion as a world-wide force and true internationalism as a world-wide instrument." 15-Q

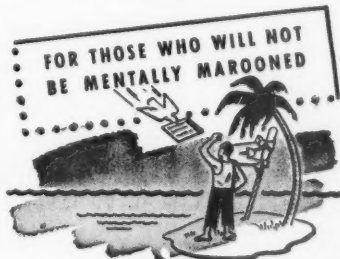
JAROSLAV KONVALINKA, Czech engineer who drove escape train into W Germany: "A stone fell from my heart when we were finally successful." 16-Q

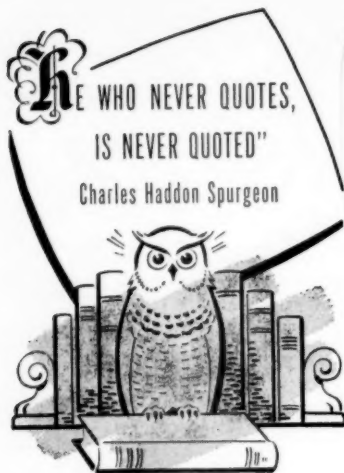
Sen J WM FULBRIGHT, of Ark: "Our basic concept of society is so superior to that of the Russians that, if a total war can be avoided, time definitely is on our side." 17-Q

Chancellor KONRAD ADENAUER, of W Germany: "The successful defense of Europe requires the military potential of the U S." 18-Q

WM O DOUGLAS, Justice of Supreme Court: "Unless we are successful in splitting China from Russia, all southeast Asia will go to the Russian orbit." 19-Q

BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist, referring to gambler Mickey Cohen: "Cohen is not as bad as America thinks he is. He has the making of one of the greatest gospel preachers of all time." 20-Q





ADAPTABILITY—1

A man should endeavor to be as pliant as a reed, yet as hard as cedar-wood.—*Talmud*.

AGE—Youth—2

Lord Bacon entered Cambridge at age of 8. At 14, he had learned all the univ could teach. Lord Byron published his 1st book of poems at 19. He had read the Old Testament from beginning to end at 8. Sir Chas Borromeo was Archbishop of Milan at 23. Handel had produced an opera before he was 15.—*Irish Catholic*.

AGNOSTICISM—3

Dr L P Jacks tells of an agnostic who sent for another agnostic to console him on his death bed. "Stick to it, Tom," said the consoler. "Yes," gasped Tom, "but there's nothing to stick to!"—*Pulpit Digest*.

AGRICULTURE—4

Some weed seeds are such hardy pests that they can lie dormant in a field for 30 yrs, then sprout and flourish.—*Popular Mechanics*.

AMERICA—Appreciation—5

Whether enough of us are worthy of our inheritance remains to be seen, but some are; and for the high-hearted successor of the men of old, there is wonder in being American; for the bold men, there is delight. — GERALD W JOHNSON, *U S Air Services*.

ARMED FORCES—6

The complexity of modern war has made the military more dependent than ever before on civilian, scientific and industrial genius. — Gen J LAWTON COLLINS. *Army, Navy, Air Force Jnl*.

ATTITUDE—7

Why not sculpture your face by thinking kind thoughts, instead of buying plaster at \$5 per jar?—WM FEATHER, industrial editor.

BEHAVIOR—8

"Always laugh at yourself first," said a recent broadcast. "Everybody has a ridiculous side and the whole world loves to laugh at somebody else. You do the laughing at yourself 1st, and the laughter of others falls off harmlessly."—*Wills's Mag*, Bristol, England.

BIBLE—9

A Braille Bible weighs 90 lbs and is in 20 large vol's. But in spite of the high production cost, the American Bible Society arranges for blind persons to buy a vol at only 25¢. If they cannot afford that much, they are given one free.—LAWRENCE MAXWELL, *Signs of the Times*.

CAUSE—and Effect—10

Whether the knife falls on the melon, or the melon on the knife, the melon suffers.—*Hindu Proverb*.

CHILDREN—Guidance—11

Children flourish best in peace. They need freedom to develop to the limit of their potentialities. In wartime all we can do is hold the line. — LOIS MEEK STOLZ, *Social Casework*.

COMMUNISM—Propaganda—12

Hailed as an "enslaved American Negro" by Communists at the recent youth festival in E Berlin, Kans-born Leroy Everett was asked to autograph some books. Everett, who had slipped behind the Iron Curtain merely for a look-see, politely wrote—in English: "As an American Negro, I hate communism."—*Pathfinder*.

CONFLICT—13

Conflicts within a nation are always between stagnation and imagination. — *Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Co.

CONGRESS—14

These mark the role and responsibility of Congress in the yrs ahead: to safeguard the great constitutional principles of a responsible executive and a representative legislature, to preserve and foster the vitality of all our states and localities and of our freely functioning economic groups—and to intervene in the nat'l and world interest when the occasion demands.—ERNEST S GRIFFITH, *Congress: Its Contemporary Role*. (N Y Univ Press)

COURAGE—15

If everyone who got seasick, or frightened by a hurricane, could have turned the ship back to port, the Indians would still own this country.—EDWIN H STUART, *Buck Bits*, hm, Buck Glass Co.

CRIME—16

The motto of crooks is: "A thing of booty is a joy forever."—RALPH BELLAMY, star of "Man Against Crime" program.

DEFENSE—Cost—17

During World War II, the fanciest heavy bomber was a \$300-thousand item. Today, a combination of inflation and fantastically complicated equipment has put a \$4 million price on a B-36.—WM L BATT, U S representative of Allied Production Bd.

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DETAILS—Significance—18

We must always remember that a man's reputation is made not because of a few outstanding events in his life but because of little things. It is from totalling the small details in a man's professional or business life that we form our picture of his true character.—ALBERT CONWAY, *Think*.

EDUCATION—19

American education is the rock against which the wave of communism shall inevitably break and ebb away.—PRES E B FRED, Univ of Wis, *Badger Report*.

ETHICS—20

Right is right if nobody is right, and wrong is wrong if everybody is wrong.—BISHOP FULTON J SHEEN, author & educator.

EXAMPLE—21

There is no teaching like a good man's life.—ATLAS NEWS, hm, Atlas Finance Co.

Five Freedoms That Spell Failure

- 1—Freedom from study.
- 2—Freedom from records and planning.
- 3—Freedom from constant work.
- 4—Freedom from responsibility.
- 5—Freedom from discipline.

No man can be a permanent success as long as these 5 freedoms weigh more in his mind than the necessity for carrying thru on the basic principles of success.—*Syracuse Wkly Blaze*. 22

FEAR—23

Fear is not bad, for there are no heroes who have never been afraid, but it is really serious when an individual stops fighting his fear.—INA SEIDEL, quoted in *Kraft durch Innerlichkeit*, edited by HANNA MERIAN. (Published by Gerhard Merian, Stuttgart, Germany; QUOTE translation)

FREEDOM—24

Freedom which has genuine meaning is more than a timeless abstraction, more than an absence of restraints. It is something shaped freshly in each generation

wrestling with the conditions which, in that particular time, limit and extend freedom.—HELEN M LYND, author.

GOVERNMENT—Controls—25

Gov't controls are like thistles in a cornfield—they grow fast and are hard to get rid of.—ADV BY SWIFT & CO in *Prairie Farmer*.

GREAT BRITAIN—Austerity—26

The value of Britain's wkly meat ration will be increased from 2 shillings to 2 shillings 2 pence (14 to 16.3¢) effective Sept 16.—BRITISH Ministry of Food announcement.

HABIT—27

No habit has any real hold on you other than the hold you have on it.—GARDNER HUNTING, *Wkly Unity*.

HANDICAPS—28

The number of physically handicapped has been put at 23 million in the U S. Of these, it has been estimated that about 1 million Americans are paralyzed on 1 side, about 2.5 million are orthopedically disabled, 1 million are diabetics, slightly less than 1 million are amputees, and 10 million are handicapped by diseases of the heart and arteries.—*Survey Bulletin*.

HOUSING—29

In some small modern homes you get everything except a family.—*Banking*.

IDEAS—30

Ideas bring in nothing unless carried out.—B C FORBES, publisher, *Forbes*.

INCOME—Comparative—31

It must be better to build houses than minds. Bricklayers average \$6500 a yr, college professors, \$5500.—BERT BACHARACH, *N Y Herald Tribune*.

INFLATION—32

Even our dreams suffer from this terrible inflation. We used to dream what we would do if we had \$1 million. Now we have to revise all our plans, because what we had previously figured on would now cost \$2½ million.—*Origin unknown*.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—33

A big nation is not one that is big enough to whip a small nation, but one that is big enough *not* to! —*Pathfinder*.



A Norman official announced: "We have the most . . . formidable armament the Western nations have ever witnessed." A few days later, Wm the Conqueror sailed to defeat the English at the Battle of Hastings, Oct 14, 1066.*

The "formidable armament" was the cavalry's cross-bow. Foot soldiers carried spears and swords so heavy they had to be lifted with both hands. This proved a disadvantage in free-for-all battle where the Saxons, finding a soldier with both hands in use, lopped off an arm, effectively preventing further use of weapons.

The Saxons, lacking cross-bows, were confident of their excellent defense. Their interlocked shields made an impenetrable wall. If a Norman arrow broke thru, it glanced off heavy leather armor. Wealthy men wore chain mail; lucky ones wore wooden helmets.

Skillfully, the Normans aimed high, raining arrows behind the shields. The Saxon king was killed, his troops confused. Disentangling their shields, they rushed at the Normans. This was a mistake. Wm's men, in tunics of chain mail and metal helmets, could withstand attack by sword, axe and stone hammer.

The Saxons fought nobly, amid "tumult and clashing" which must have sounded like a steel mill going full tilt. When swords and axes broke, they threw rocks. Of course they were defeated. As Napoleon said centuries later, "God is on the side of the strongest battalion."

Suits of armor (not the type which made Mark Twain remark that the knights "must have needed a can-opener to undress") are being tested in Korea. Today's well-dressed soldier, however, needs no can-opener. An 11th century knight, uncomfortably encased in metal plates, would be amazed to see GI's washing nylon armor in their handy plastic helmets.



Plots and Plans

History paints for us the splendid relations of WM PENN* and the red men, but JANET WHITNEY, in John Woolman, American Quaker (Little, Brown), describes a different kind of reception once planned for the eminent colonist.

The earliest settlers of New England had been very loth to admit Quakers, not only because they wished to preserve unpoluted their own regimented Presbyterianism—which lined a man for not attending meeting, and set him in the stocks for kissing his wife on a Sunday—but because the Quakers were known to be dangerously liberal. Not only had they done their best to keep them out of New England, but they had made a sturmy effort to keep them out of the continent itself. A secret letter from Cotton Mather to "ye aged and beloved Mr John Higginson," dated Sept ye 15, 1682, contained details of the interesting plan:

There bee now at sea a shippee . . . called ye Welcome which has aboard an hundred or more of ye heretics and maguants called Quakers, with Wm Penn who is ye chief scamp at the heade of them. Ye Genl Court has accordingly given secret orders to Master Masiach next of ye brig Porpoise to waylay ye said Welcome as near the coast of Caddees as may be and make captive of ye said Penn and his ungouly crew so that ye Lord may be glorified and not mocked on ye soil of this new countre with ye heathen worship of these people. Much spoil can be made by selling ye lotte to Barbadoes, these slaves fetca good prices in rum & sugar, & we shall not only do thye Lord great services by punishing thye wicked but shall make great gayne for his ministres and people . . .

Yours in ye bowels of Christ,
COTTON MATHER

The Welcome and Porpoise never sighted each other, and Penn never knew of the kidnapping scheme. It would have been interesting to see what he would have done to Barbadoes.

JAPAN—Communism—34

If the Japanese Communist Party could be cut off from overseas it could be controlled. But it's supported from the outside.—TAKEO OHASHI, Japanese Att'y Gen'l.

KNOWLEDGE—35

There is an old Zen saying which gives us strength:

To a man who knows nothing, mountains are mountains, waters are waters and trees are trees. But when he has studied and knows a little, mountains are no longer mountains and waters are no longer waters and trees no longer trees. But when he has thoroughly understood, mountains are once again mountains, waters are waters and trees are trees.—Editorial, *Esquire*.

LANGUAGE—36

There is a lot of American history in 3 definitions of the word "corn-planter" (in Dr Mitford Mathews' *Dictionary of Americanisms*). A century and a quarter ago it meant a group of Seneca Indians; a century ago it meant one who raised Indian corn; the 1948 quotation refers to a machine planting 20 acres a day.—LEWIS GANNETT, *N Y Herald-Tribune*.

MAN—Importance—37

History records only one indispensable man—Adam.—*Nat'l Safety News*.

MARRIED LIFE—38

There was a small, nicely worded ad in a Parisian evening paper, "What every young girl should know before she marries. Sent in plain envelope."

And in a few days each girl who ordered one, received a cook book.—*France-Amerique*, N Y. (Quote translation)

OPPORTUNITY—39

No man can make his opportunity. He can only make use of such opportunities as occur.—ADM FORREST P SHERMAN, *Army Information Digest*.

ORIGIN: Pedagogue—40

Pedagogue today means school teacher—particularly one with dogmatic views. This is a good example of the changed meanings of words over the centuries. The original pedagogue was a slave, whose duty it was to attend his master's son to school and home again, from

the Greek *pais*, boy, and *agein*, to lead. — EDWIN RADFORD, *Unusual Words*. (Philosophical Library)

POLITICS—41

The political pot never really boils. The old applesauce is merely warmed over. — *Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

POWER—42

A good measure of the increase in productive capacity of this country is the use of electric energy . . . In 1900, we had 2.5 h p per worker while in '50 we had 7.5 h p per worker. If we consider that 1 n p does the work of 50 men, we see that there is now the equivalent of 375 men back of each worker in '51. To put it another way, the average worker has 375 slaves working for him in the form of energy—a measure of our standard of living.—A C MONTEITH, "Engineering — Its Future," *Electrical Engineering*, 9-'51.

PROFANITY—43

Many people use certain slang expressions without realizing they are corrupted versions of profanity: "Dear me" is a corruption of the Italian *Dio Mio* — "My God!" "Gosh" and "Golly" are vulgarizations of the word "God." "Drat is the same as "God rot you." "Darn" and "dang" are corruptions of "damn."—*Liquorian*.

PROGRESS—44

Man is the only animal who gets ahead by monkeying rather than aping. — WILLIS R WHITNEY, founder Gen'l Electric's research lab, quoted in *Indianapolis Engineering*.

QUALITY—45

When you buy things for a song, watch out for the accompaniment. —*Rays of Sunshine*.

REFORM—46

Many a reformer stumbles over a pile of trash around his own door when he sallies out to clean up the world. — PHILIP SAWYER, *Everybody's Digest*.

RELIGION—47

Religion as a tailor-made garment will soon be out-grown and discarded. Religion as a growing seed will come to its own maturity. —ELIZABETH M MANWELL & SOPHIA L FAHS, *Consider the Children; How They Grow*. (Beacon Press)

SAFETY—Safe Driving—48

I'll bet the oldest driver in the world was never the fastest.—WILBUR SHAW, *Popular Science*.

SCIENCE—49

Of what use is science if man does not survive?—PHILLIP, Duke of Edinburgh, *Observer*, London.

SPEECH—Expression—50

"When you speak of Heaven," the lecturer on public speaking advised his class, "let your face light up with a heavenly gleam, let your eyes shine with reflecting glory. But when you speak of Hell, your ordinary expression will do."
—*Construction Digest*.

STRATEGY—51

With 3 friends, an English officer went into the jungles of India to hunt tigers. In the heart of the jungle they reached a hunting bungalow and paused to rest. The officer remained on the verandah while the others went inside. Suddenly the men inside heard the man speak in a low, strange voice, "You had better come and help me; he is taking me away." They rushed to the door. A huge tiger had come up on the verandah. It was too lazy to kill the officer and drag his body

away, and too clever. It simply took the officer's hand in its teeth and led him away under his own steam!—GORDON S SEAGRAVE, *Tales of a Wastebasket Surgeon*. (Judson Press)

TALENT—Use—53

One of the illusions of life is not in being limited to one talent, but in the failure to use the one talent.—EDGAR W WORK, *Christian Herald*.

TAXES—54

Citizen John Doe, age 29, will work for the Gov't 8 of his remaining 36 yrs of productive life. Doe's tax bite: \$3.70 a day; \$18.50 a wk; \$962 a yr (if hidden taxes don't increase it). This will total \$34,743.24 or 22% of his annual income of \$4,300 over the period.—*Commerce Clearing House*.

VANITY—55

"Vanity, thy name is . . ."—and one photographer puts the fact to work to collect overdue bills from women customers. With his past-due notice he encloses an untouched proof of the customer and requests permission to exhibit it in his studio window as a sample of his work. The customer usually shows up the next day, cash in hand.—LEROY J HERBERT, *Rotarian*.

WAR—56

War is nothing but crime, organized, condoned and glorified.—Editorial, *American Builder*.

WAR—Peace—57

Only 8% of the time since the beginnings of recorded history has the world spent entirely at peace, according to official statistics. In 3,521 yrs, only 286 have been warless. Eight thousand treaties have been broken in this time.—*Highways of Happiness*.

WOMEN—58

Feminine charm is like garlic—heavenly if not overdone.—OREN ARNOLD, *Woman*.

WORK—59

Work is the yeast that raises the dough. — JOE HIRSCHINGER, *Rotary News*, Quincy, Ill.

WORRY—60

Worries, like bananas, come in bunches. — GEO FRANKLIN, "Why Worry?" *Printers' Ink*, 9-7-'51.

**"White Is Black . . ."**

This excerpt is from a study of Soviet press dispatches and radio broadcasts as analyzed by PETER WYDEN, St Louis Post-Dispatch.

"He hasn't enough to eat, cannot buy new clothes, cannot feed his family and cannot pay for a decent dwelling. He is either a beggar or on the brink of destitution." The average American wage-earner will have trouble recognizing himself from this pathetic picture, but that's how *Pravda* recently described his plight to Ivan Ivanovich, his Russian counter-part. "The whole world knows the fate of more than 20 million American farmers—poverty, hunger, unconcealed slavery," Ivan read in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* . . . It's easy to laugh off the picture. It's also a grave mistake. For, barring possible inroads by the Voice of America, this is the only America Ivan knows. . . .

One Tass dispatch from Pyongyang, published in *Pravda*, reported American planes were dropping booby traps in the form of toys. The toys explode at touch, said Tass, killing or crippling thousands of youngsters. . . .

How can Americans be so cruel? That's easy, Ivan learns. Animal ways are cultivated in American schools. Students are taught "war represents the most exciting form of sport."

It must seem logical to Ivan that men thus raised also teach the "superiority of the Anglo-Saxon race over all other races" and soak up culture from television programs that show audiences how to "get rich quicker, kiss quicker, kill quicker."

This, Ivan is assured, is the true face of America, the face as *Komsomolskaya Pravda* says so glibly, "of cannibals and hangmen, suppressors of the peoples' freedom, the worst foes of mankind."

Speak Right Out

I hate to be a kicker
I always long for peace,
But the wheel that does the squeaking
Is the one that gets the grease.

It's nice to be a peaceful soul,
And not too hard to please,
But the dog that's always scratching
Is the one that has the fleas.

The art of soft soap spreading
Is the thing that palls and stales,
But the guy who wields the hammer
Is the one who drives the nails.

Let us not put notions
That are harmful in your head,
But the baby that keeps yelling
Is the baby that gets fed.—

McCall Spirit. 52

GOOD STORIES •

You Can Use

In Sofia, a comrade visited the office of Bulgaria's Premier. "Comrade," he asked, astonished, "what kind of telephone are you using? It has a receiver, but no mouth-piece."

"If you must know," the Premier answered, "that is our direct connection with Moscow!" — *Muenchner Illustrierte, Germany.* a

The full meaning of Sunday School teaching apparently doesn't sink in all at once. One youngster was overheard saying to a playmate: "Share—share like the Bible says or I'll hit you on the head!" — *Hastings (Neb) Tribune.* b

The other planets may not be able to support life, but it isn't exactly easy on this one either.—Banking. " "

A radio program which came on every morning at 7 a m rec'd the following note from a feminine fan: "Before I started listening to your program, I couldn't get my husband out of bed in the morning. Now he can't get out of the house fast enough." — *Townsend Nat'l Wkly.* c

The father had taken his son to see one of the stately homes of England. At 1st sight of it the nonchalant schoolboy eye swept across the unbelievably smooth lawns and artistic flower-beds, past the rows of pedestals with their large, botanically rich stone vases, up the imposing front elevation to rest at last with interest on the many-gabled roof. And then came the surprised, critical comment: "What, no television?" — *Manchester (England) Guardian.* d

September Mourn: Next installment of the income tax.—T HARRY THOMPSON, Sales Mgt. " "

A Seattle att'y placed a call to a man in the state penitentiary on the day the inmate was being paroled. The call went thru to the prison, and the switchboard operator informed the Seattle operator the man had just left.

Trained to get all the answers,

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ELIZABETH CLARKSON ZWART
Columnist

There's an unusual guest book at the Burlington, Ia, hospital. It's called the "Anxious Guests Book." I recently read some of the comments scrawled by fathers-to-be during or after their hrs of waiting.

"This is my last one—I promise!"

"The cannons can really boom—it's a boy!"

"I ordered a shortstop, but it seems she'll have to play with the Bloomer Girls." — *Des Moines Register.*

the Seattle operator immediately countered with the question, "And how soon will he be back?" — *Monitor, hm, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.* e

" " Moral Rot Note: For mentioning cigars we get 2 free boxes. Cadillac, Cadillac, Cadillac.—BILL VAUGHAN, Kans City Star.

" " The shoemaker was explaining to a complaining customer the reason for the poor quality of his soles. "All the good leather," he said, "is going into steaks." — *Safety Broadcast.* f

" " A Calif woman rec'd a brain injury in an auto accident last yr. Everything went all right until the insurance company sent a neurologist to examine the woman and found her reading *The Mature Mind*. The company thereupon balked at paying the damages asked, building its defense on the proposition that anybody caught reading *The Mature Mind* had one. Defense lawyers drove the point home and the jury brought in a verdict which the woman considered woefully insufficient. "Everyone who heard the doctor's testimony said it cost me at least

\$35,000," she wrote the publishers. "Do you know of anyone else who paid so much for your book?" — DAVID DEMPSEY, N Y Times Book Review. g

" " In designing man's hinges, the Creator knew he would have little occasion to pat himself on the back.—Anahgram.

" " An elderly German DP did odd jobs for me this summer. He was truly gifted with a "green thumb," and the front lawn, with its flowers and shrubbery, and the backyard garden never looked lovelier. One afternoon, as he puttered in the flowers, a woman stopped to compliment him on how attractive he kept my yard.

From my study window I could hear his answer: "If you think his frontside is good-looking, lady," the old fellow chuckled in his broken English, "then you ought to see the Mister's backside." —EDGAR DAN'L KRAMER. h

" " A school teacher was trying to explain the intricacies of subtraction to his young charges.

"You have 10 fingers," he said to young Jacques. "Suppose you had 3 less, then what would you have?"

Came the prompt reply: "No music lessons." — *Travel.* i

" " Pins are hard to find, probably, because they are pointed in one direction and headed in another.—Phoenix Flame, hm Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

" " A man who had been waiting patiently in the post office could not attract the attention of either of the girls behind the counter.

"The evening cloak," explained one to her companion, "was of redingote design in gorgeous brocade with fox fur and wide pagoda sleeves."

At this point the long-suffering customer broke in with: "I wonder if you could provide me with a

neat rich-brown stamp with a dinky perforated hem, the *toute ensemble* delicately treated on the reverse with mucilage—something about three-halfpence?"—*Farmers' Wkly*, S Africa.

Epitaph

The following celebrities, when asked for their own self-composed epitaphs, came up with: Dorothy Parker, "Still involved in a plot." Carl Brisson, "This is the 1st time I've ever taken anything lying down." Ilka Chase, "I've finally gotten to the bottom of things." Don Herrold, "This is too deep for me." W C Fields, "On the hole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia." Lionel Barrymore, "Well, I've played everything but a harp." Owen Davis, "Here lies an author — as usual." Betty Hutton, "I've just got to get this off my chest!" Mae West, "Come down and see me sometime." Geo Kaufman, "Over my dead body!" Louella Parsons, "Here lies Louella—in the dirt she loved so much."—*Briggs Assembler*.

The salesman was climaxing his spiel to the reluctant prospect. "Just think," he chortled, "you make a small deposit and then make no more deposits for 6 mo's." With a start, the lady of the house exclaimed, "Who told you about us?"—*Jos C SALAK, Tracks, hm, C & O Ry*.

One man's definition of inflation: Something you suddenly don't have when the tire on your car blows out.—*Milwaukee Jnl Mag*.

In the Ozarks, Jesse L Russell tells about a village realtor trying to sell a rocky little farm. He explained to the sucker that flint-rocks are necessary to productivity, and that land is no good without 'em. Stones retain moisture, keep vegetables from getting dirty, etc.

Just then a man began to load some rocks on a wagon, to haul them off the field. "Let's get out of here," said the land agent. "We might get tied up as witnesses in court. That fellow is *stealing* those rocks!"—*VANCE RANDOLPH, We Always Lie to Strangers*. (Columbia Univ Press)

On the bus a woman passenger discussed with her companion the family fortunes. "Aye," she said, "my husband's daelin' fine — he's workin' doon the pit noo. I've a lot to be thankfu' for. The work's ki'llin' him by inches, he says. But thank heaven it's permanent."—*Evening News, Glasgow, Scotland. n*

Snooty people give you the geological survey—the stony stare.—*GEO BURNS, stage and screen comedian*.

It was at bedtime that Tommy asked, "Is there a Christian flea, Papa?"

"What put that idea into your head?"

"The preacher read it today from the Bible: 'The wicked flee, when no man pursueth.'"

"Why, Tommy, that means the wicked man flees."

"Oh, then there is a wicked woman flea?"

"No! It means that the wicked flees, runs away."

"Why do they run?"

"Who?"

"The wicked fleas."

"No, no! Don't you see? The wicked man runs away when no man is after him."

"Oh! Is there a woman after him?"

"Tommy, go to bed!"—*Christian Union Herald*.

Corned beef was sent to a Bridgend school canteen. Teachers sniffed it and did not like it. A canteen manageress sniffed it but pronounced it good; the town sanitary inspector sniffed and passed it as good; the town medical officer sniffed it and declared it good — then ordered it destroyed because too many noses had sniffed it.—*Daily Express, London*.



ADHESIVES: Rubber cement called *Plastilock*, designed by B F Goodrich Co, bonds metal to metal stronger than rivets, nuts, or bolts. (*Financial World*)

AUTOMOBILE-Accessories: Key-Hole Anti-Freeze is chemical compound that protects locks from freezing. Squirt transparent liquid into keyhole; it lasts for life of car. Elektrik Seal Laboratories, 629 W Washington St, Chicago. (*Business Wk*)

GLASS-Uses: First hint of major building mat'l of tomorrow comes from 3 Englishmen who have perfected boats made of glass—half the weight of a timber vessel, stronger, longer-lasting than steel, impervious to barnacles, worms, rot. Next project for glass: automobile bodies. After that, houses. (*NANA*)

INDUSTRY: Fed'l Phone and Radio Corp'n of Clifton, N J, almost eliminates absenteeism by giving deluxe TV sets for continuous work records. To qualify, employees must be on job every day for 90 days; winner is drawn every 3 mo's. (*American Business*)

PLASTICS: Light weight, sealed Vinylite bag containing diethylene glycol serves as either hot water bottle or ice bag, requires no refilling. To use, place in hot water for 5 min's, or in refrigerator freezer until it turns slushy. Duo-Pac, Inc, N Y. (*Chemical Wk*)

SEWING: New cotton thread dissolves when dropped into water. Ideal for basting, guide stitches, and such. (*McCall's*)

TELEVISION: Self-propelled underwater TV camera that could record enemy minefields, chart underwater obstacles has been successfully tested. (*National Research Council*)

Quote CALENDAR

October 14

- 1066—"Battle of Hastings"
- 1644—"b Wm Penn, English Quaker colonist"
- 1774—"Declaration of Rights enacted"
- 1852—"b Eamon de Valera, American-born Irish Prime Minister"
- 1885—"d Josh Billings (Henry Wheeler Shaw), American humorist"
- 1890—"b Dwight D Eisenhower, American gen'l, educator"

October 15

- BC 70—"b Virgil, Roman poet"
- 1844—"b Friederich Wm Nietzsche, German philosopher"
- 1856—"b Oscar Wilde, English humorist"

October 18

- 1758—"b Noah Webster, American lexicographer, author"
- 1786—"U S Mint established in Philadelphia"
- 1877—"b Lee Lawrie, American architectural sculptor"
- 1858—"b Eugene O'Neill, American dramatist"

October 17

- 1777—"Surrender of Gen Burgoyne at Saratoga"
- 1829—"Opening of Delaware & Chesapeake Canal"

October 18

- 1839—"b Thos Reed, American statesman"
- 1859—"b Henri Bergson, French philosopher"
- 1967—"Alaska transferred to U S by Russia"
- 1878—"b Jas Truslow Adams, American historian"

October 19

- 1720—"b John Woolman, American Quaker preacher"
- 1781—"Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown"
- 1784—"b Leigh Hunt, English poet, essayist"

October 20

- 1632—"b Christopher Wren, English architect"
- 1792—"b Colin Campbell, Lord Clyde, British field-marshal"
- 1822—"b Thos Hughes, English author"
- 1825—"b Dan'l Sickles, American soldier, politician"
- 1859—"b John Dewey, American educator"

*Indicates relevant mat'l on this page. See also Gems of Yesteryear, Pathways to the Past.

HENRI BERGSON

Look upon life as a disinterested spectator; many a drama will turn into a comedy. It is enough for us to stop our ears to the sound of music for dancers at once to appear ridiculous. How many human actions would stand a similar test? Should we not see many of them suddenly pass from grave to gay, on isolating them from the accompanying music of sentiment? To produce the whole of its effect, then, the comic demands something like a momentary anesthesia of the heart. Its appeal is to intelligence, pure and simple.—*Laughter.* (Macmillan)

JOSH BILLINGS (HENRY WHEELER SHAW)

One of the greatest victories you can gain over a man is to beat him at politeness.

JOHN DEWEY

Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination.

LEIGH HUNT

When moral courage feels that it is in the right, there is no personal daring of which it is incapable.

DAN'L SICKLES

A revolution in a popular Gov't can be as well achieved thru the ballot-box as by the bayonet.—State of the Union Speech to House of Representatives, 1-16-1861.

Thy Task, the Ruling of Nations VIRGIL*

Others I doubt not will hammer the flexible bronze to soft features;

Skilfully draw from the marble a latent and livelier resemblance;

Plead with a craftier tongue, each

his cause; in tracing the sky-way,

Measure with rods, thus truly fore-

telling the course of the planets.

Thou, tho, O Roman, consider as

thy task the ruling of nations,

This be thine art: to found and to

foster a law that is peaceful,

Sparing the vanquished and van-

quishing any who dare to oppose

thee.—Aeneid VI, 847/53, trans-

lated by JEAN STARR UNTERMEYER,

in *Death of Virgil*, by HERMANN

BROCH. (Pantheon)

EAMON de VALERA

In 1916, a young prof, Eamon de Valera, put up his books to become active in Eire's revolt against Britain. Imprisoned for treason, the quiet scho'ar 1st surprised authorities when he refused to get up to salute the British Governor of the prison; and they dragged him forcibly to his feet. "I have more contempt for you now, standing up, you tyrants," he said, "than I had when I was sitting down."—THOS F HEALY, "Eamon de Valera," in *Dictators & Democrats*, edited by LAWRENCE FERNSWORTH. (McBride)

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NOAH WEBSTER

The *Blue Back Speller*, 1st published in 1783, sold 15 million copies within a few yrs. What it did to the chaotic orthography of the time can hardly be appreciated today . . . Young Webster, who was a pedantic and choleric fellow, wanted some rules, some order, for orthography. Moreover, he was intensely patriotic. He thought, with good reason, that an American orthography would encourage the publication of American books. More important, he said, was that "a nat'l language is a band of nat'l union." — STEWART H HOLBROOK, *Lost Men of American History.* (Macmillan)

OSCAR WILDE

Philanthropy is the refuge of people who wish to annoy their fellow-creatures.—*Ideal Husband.*

JOHN WOOLMAN

Oppression in the extreme appears terrible; but oppression in more refined appearances remains to be oppression; and where the smallest degree is cherished it grows stronger and more persuasive.

